

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 329

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Soddy Daisy High School Marching Band on being invited to march in the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to honor those students whose proficiency in an art, craft, or trade has garnered them national accolades; and

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, recognition should be given to this State's young musicians for their excellent musical skills and their ability to work together as a marching band; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy Daisy High School Marching Band has recently received an invitation from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association's 2010 President, Gary DiSano, and its Board of Directors, to march down Orange Grove and Colorado Boulevards in Pasadena, California, on January 1, 2010, in the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade, "America's New Year's Celebration"; and

WHEREAS, along with twenty-one other bands, the Marching Trojans will proceed along the parade route before one million cheering spectators while the event is broadcast to an international television audience of over forty million viewers; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive this prestigious invitation, the band and its dedicated Director, Eric Majors, had to complete a rigorous application process and win the approval of the Tournament Association's President as well as its discerning Music Committee; and

WHEREAS, the band recorded videos of various performances, one of which included a particularly difficult turn, which provided a clear demonstration of the band's deftness and

discipline; the video footage was then properly compiled and forwarded to the Tournament Association's office; and

WHEREAS, of the twenty-one bands included in the parade, fifteen are high school bands who, like Soddy Daisy, have secured the President and Music Committee's imprimatur; initially, around five thousand applications arrive for consideration, and these must be sifted and thinned by a preliminary selection committee, which generates a list of one hundred applicants for the Music Committee's review; and

WHEREAS, the Committee selects twenty-five bands for the President to consider; out of those twenty-five, the final fifteen bands are selected; three of the final fifteen are selected from abroad, so the Marching Trojans are one of only twelve American bands asked to march in celebration of the nation's New Year in Pasadena; and

WHEREAS, that the Soddy Daisy High School Marching Trojans have received this invitation to participate in the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade is a testament to their peerless ability and dedication; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Mr. Majors's capable direction, the Marching Trojans have benefitted greatly from the tireless dedication of Captain Stacey Bunch; she and her Co-Captains, Curtis Jolley, Nathan Green, and Amanda Pioth, have rendered nothing less than the finest leadership during their tenures; and

WHEREAS, the full membership roster for the 2008-2009 Soddy Daisy High School Marching Band includes nearly 150 students, and each one of these young men and women should be recognized and extolled for their commitment and hard work; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy Daisy High School Marching Trojans have proven not only that they are one of the finest marching bands in the State and the nation; they are truly one of the very best in the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Soddy Daisy High School Marching Band on being invited to march in the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade, to be held January 1, 2010, in Pasadena, California, and offer our fondest wishes for their continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.